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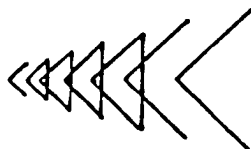
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A SOVIET PERSPECTIVE

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This paper is a preliminary effort to present, from the Soviet perspective, the case concerning the existence of a resources disruption/denial, or "resource war," strategy on the part of the Soviet Union as a part of its broader global strategy. It is written as if a senior Soviet global strategist were asked to provide a current, TOP SECRET briefing to senior members of the Soviet leadership. It is hoped that this paper will contribute to the refinement of arguments in the free world that the Soviets do indeed intend to disrupt/deny access to the energy and nonfuel minerals which must be imported in great quantities from the developing world. There is a strong need to deal head-on with the arguments of those persons, many identified in the paper and in the bibliography, who say that the Soviet Union has no such intention or even the capabilities. Resources disruption/denial, coupled with support for so-called "wars of national liberation," will prove decisive in the struggle between Communism and our Western way of life unless we can make our arguments convincing enough to persuade the leaders of the free world to cooperate in taking the necessary political, economic, military, and technological countermeasures. Comments and suggestions are most welcome.

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